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Recommendation for Council Action

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Meeting Date:	9/22/2011	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of amendments to and renewals of 48 social services contracts with 42 social service agencies to extend the contracts for six months, from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, for a total amount not to exceed \$ 4,746,948.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$ 3,813,987 is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$ 624,411 is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office. Funding in the amount of \$ 39,750 is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$ 222,600 included in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$ 46,200 included in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. The term of each contract is for the period of October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

On December 17, 2009, Council approved 51 nine-month social service contracts with 48 social service agencies for the period of January 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010, with one twelve-month renewal option beginning October 1, 2010. On August 5, 2010, Council approved 3 Parent Education contracts with 3 agencies. On June 23, 2011 Council authorized extension of existing contracts through March 31, 2012.

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Additional Backup Information

There have been competitive processes for specific Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) social services contracts, however, there has not been an overall social services competitive process since 1999. With leadership from the Public Health and Human Services Committee last year, an RFP was developed for Social Service contracts to address the self sufficiency continuum identified in the current City Comprehensive Plan.

On June 23, 2011, Council directed the City Manager to extend current contracts through March 31, 2012. New contracts will begin April 1, 2012.

The extension of current contracts for six additional months will allow:

- Agencies who will not have ongoing funding to adjust to budget changes
- Staff to negotiate new performance measures with the identified proposers
- Additional planning and start up of newly funded programs, particularly the collaborative strategies with multiple partners

In 2010, the Social Services contracts were transitioned from calendar year contracts (Jan-Dec) to fiscal year (FY) contracts (Oct-Sep). These contracts covered a 21-month period, beginning January 2010 and running through September 2011. By moving to a fiscal year contract, Social Service contracts are now aligned to the City Business Plan and Performance Measure Reporting systems.

Rationale

By extending our existing contracts for six additional months we will provide a thoughtful transition period that will provide both new and existing agencies which are not recommended for funding an opportunity to adequately plan for the future.

Recommendations

Based on available funds, staff recommends that the City continue to purchase social services for a six month transition period by entering into renewals to be effective from October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012. Services include: basic needs, child care quality, homeless services, mental health services, substance abuse services, and violence & victimization services.

Attachment A is the list of 48 contracts with the 42 social services agencies. This list does not include Interlocal Agreements, HIV contracts, or grant contracts/agreements. Separate RCAs will be processed for those actions.

Attachment B contains the Performance Measures for the 48 six-month contracts.